

BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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In the matter of

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CHRISTOPHER HEALY

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March 20, 2013

RESPONSE OF CHRISTOPHER HEALY

On February 6, 2013 the Federal Election Commission (FEC) received a Complaint from Ronald Winter (Complainant), which purports to allege that certain actions by Christopher Healy (Healy) as they relate to solicitation of contributions to an entity organized pursuant to 26 USC § 527 in some way violated the provisions of some provision of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 as amended. The Complaint seems to allege that Healy failed to pay the Complainant \$500.00 for services rendered by the Complainant to another political committee.

The Complaint indicates that the Complainant was owed a debt for work he had performed for the Visconti for Congress Committee ID: 00449181 in 2008. The Complaint goes on to state that the Healy was supposed to pay him, from the 527 organization, for work the Complainant alleged performed for the Connecticut Republican Party. Nowhere in the Complaint does the Complainant alleged that he ever performed work for Healy or the 527 organization, had an agreement Healy or with 527 organization to be paid, or was under contract, either written or oral, express or implied with Healy or the 527 organization.

There is no privity between the Complainant and Healy or the 527 organization, and as such, there is no obligation on behalf of Healy or the 527 organization to make any payment to the Complainant.

This Complaint is simply an attempt by an individual, who by his own admission, worked on the Congressional Campaign of Joseph Visconti, was, and continues to be owed money for that work from the Visconti campaign, to collect money from another source for that work.

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The 527 organization was a short lived entity, that raised and expended approximately \$5,000 over its life. It had no employees and contracted with no vendors or third parties for any work. The Complainant, but his own admission, never performed any services for the 527 organization and as such was not entitled to be paid by either Healy or the 527 organization.

Further, as an entity organized pursuant to 26 USC §527, the 527 organization would be prohibited from paying the debts of a candidate's campaign committee or of the state party.

This Complaint is purely an attempt by the Complainant to get back at people he believes slighted him. He was not paid by the candidate committee he admitted he worked for, he believes he should have been paid by the state party for the work he performed for the candidate committee and then he sought to get paid by Healy and the 527 organization with whom Healy was associated. Unfortunately for the Complainant, the Candidate Committee, Vincinti for Congress, is the entity that rightly and contractually owes him money, not the 527.

The claims made are baseless both in law and fact, purport to raise illusory issues in a base attempt to collect money from an entity with which the Complainant is not now, nor ever was, associated with, in any capacity.

Therefore, the fact that the Complainant had no agreement, of any kind, with either Healy or the 527 organization, had not performed any services or work for either Healy or the 527 organization and admits to such facts, necessitates that the Commission look upon this Complaint as nothing more than an act of a man seeking his pound of flesh from anyone he can get it from, and dismiss the Complaint in its entirety.

In addition, the 527, as a separate and distinct committee from the Candidate Committee, is prohibited from making a direct contribution to or on behalf of the Candidate Committee, and as such, the 527 could not expend any funds to pay the amount the Complainant claims he is due from the Candidate Committee.

Based on the foregoing, the Respondent respectfully request that the Complaint be
DISMISSED.

Respectfully submitted
The Respondent



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